Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 281

We pray for the implementation of our diocesan strategy 'Seeking the Kingdom', within the context of the varied roles and ministries across the Diocese. As 'People of Hope,' we remember those impacted by natural disasters; those in Ukraine suffering grievously and we pray for the people & leaders of Russia; and for a lasting peace for the people of Palestine, Iran, Israel and the wider Middle East.

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Sunday 7th September:

We start a series of prayers for Wolverhampton Deanery by joining them in praying for children and young people starting school for the first time or moving up to a new school year. We pray that they will be confident to be the people that God made them to be, unique and wonderful, and that they enjoy their time at school, learning and growing.

Monday 8th:

(The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Accession of King Charles III.)

Today we pray for Enabling All's <u>'Let's Get Together and Chat...'</u> session taking place in Newcastle this afternoon, for a supportive and productive session for all those that make it. We remember all those in our churches living with disability, additional needs or neurodivergence, and pray that they may find a loving home in your house.

Tuesday 9th:

(Charles Fuge Lowder, Priest, 1880)

We lift before you all those undertaking the <u>'Chad Foundations'</u> course as it commences this evening. We pray for interesting journeys of exploration, that all those taking part may discover forms and opportunities for ministry that you have created and prepared them for.

We pray for the College of Preachers conference at Swanwick that starts today, <u>'The Wonder of Words'</u> - for inspiration for all those attending.

We also pray for a worthwhile time for all those attending the <u>'Coffee, Cake, and Chat'</u> gathering at St Chad's House in Leek today.

Wednesday 10th:

Lord, please grant wisdom to those that make up the TPLG group (<u>Trusts, Projects, Loans and Grants</u>) as it meets today in Lichfield. Thank you for all those in our churches with vision to make projects happen to undergo any variety of necessary changes to grow your Kingdom. Please guide all those involved to find creative ways to make happen, what needs to happen.

Thursday 11th:

We continue our prayers for Wolverhampton Deanery by praying for all the new students at the University of Wolverhampton, that they will find community, love and fellowship in our city, and that our churches will welcome them with open arms. We pray for our academics, teachers, educators, administrators, accommodation staff, security, and more; that God will strengthen them in their vocation and bring them peace when times are stressful. We also pray for the chaplaincy's <u>preloved kitchenware collection</u> and all its practicalities, that all new students may settle in well.

Friday 12th:

Dear Father God, please bless the <u>St Aidan Retreat Day</u> taking place today at St Chad's House in Leek. Please guide the retreat leader Sarah Burgess-Parker to create and lead a day that encourages all those that attend. Thank you for the impact of St Aidan and all the Northumbrian and Mercian Saints in sharing your good news around England and we pray they may inspire us to do similar.

Saturday 13th:

John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher of the Faith, 407

Lord, we pray for all those training to be readers, with their induction weekend currently taking place. Thank you for their willingness to serve in this way, and we pray you may illuminate the way forward as they continue to serve you.

We also lift before you all those undertaking 'Ride and Stride' around our churches today. We pray for safety in their journeys, and thank you for all those who work to support and maintain our historic churches.

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